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**DA 07-3547**  
**August 8, 2007**

**COMMENTS INVITED ON APPLICATION OF SBC LONG DISTANCE LLC  
D/B/A AT&T LONG DISTANCE TO DISCONTINUE DOMESTIC  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES**

**WC Docket No. 07-169**  
**Comp. Pol. File No. 814**

**Comments Due: August 23, 2007**

**Section 214 Application**

**Applicant: SBC Long Distance LLC d/b/a AT&T Long Distance**

On **July 25, 2007**, **SBC Long Distance LLC d/b/a AT&T Long Distance** (SBCLD or Applicant), located at **1010 N. Saint Mary's Street, Suite 13L, San Antonio, TX 78215**, filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) requesting authority, under section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214, and section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue the provision of a certain domestic telecommunications service in the District of Columbia.

SBCLD, an affiliate of AT&T Inc., indicates that it currently provides interstate residential local exchange service to customers in the District of Columbia. SBCLD explains that this service is basic telephone exchange service that allows customers to make local calls within a local exchange, which includes local calling areas that cross state boundary lines. SBCLD states that it plans to discontinue this service in the District of Columbia once its application is approved by the Commission pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 63.71(c). SBCLD maintains that there are many alternative providers of local exchange telephone services in the affected area, including but not limited to Access Point, Inc., Advanced Telephone Systems and Verizon. SBCLD represents that it notified affected customers of its intent to discontinue service on or after August 9, 2007, pending regulatory approval, by letters sent via U.S. Mail on June 5, 2007. Finally, SBCLD asserts that it is non-dominant with respect to the service it proposes to discontinue.

In accordance with section 63.71(c) of the Commission's rules, SBCLD's application will be deemed to be granted automatically on the thirty-first (31st) day after the release date of this public notice, unless the Commission notifies SBCLD that the grant will not be automatically effective. In the application, SBCLD indicates that it anticipates discontinuing service upon approval of its application by the Commission. Accordingly, pursuant to section 63.71(c) and the terms of SBCLD's application, absent further Commission action, SBCLD may terminate service in the District of Columbia on or after **September 8, 2007**. The Commission normally will authorize proposed discontinuances of service

unless it is shown that customers or other end users would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier, or that the public convenience and necessity would be otherwise adversely affected.

This proceeding is considered a “permit but disclose” proceeding for purposes of the Commission’s ex parte rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200-1.1216. Comments objecting to this application must be filed with the Commission on or before **August 23, 2007**. Such comments should refer to **WC Docket No. 07-169 and Comp. Pol. File No. 814**. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance on the commenter, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service. Comments may be filed using the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. *See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998). Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the website for submitting comments. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. In completing the transmittal screen, filers should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, filers should send an e-mail to [ecfs@fcc.gov](mailto:ecfs@fcc.gov), and include the following words in the body of the message, “get form.” A sample form and directions will be sent in response.

Parties who choose to file by paper must send an original and four (4) copies of the comments to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission’s Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission. The Commission’s contractor will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission’s Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Suite 110, Washington, D.C. 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express, and Priority mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

Two (2) copies of the comments should also be sent to the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-C327, Washington, D.C. 20554, Attention: Carmell Weathers. In addition, comments should be served upon the Applicant. Commenters are also requested to fax their comments to the FCC at (202) 418-1413, Attention: Carmell Weathers.

The application will be available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554, (202) 418-0270. A copy of the application may also be purchased from the Commission’s duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, telephone (202) 488-5300, facsimile (202) 488-5563, or via e-mail at [FCC@BCPIWEB.COM](mailto:FCC@BCPIWEB.COM). People with Disabilities: To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an e-mail to [fcc504@fcc.gov](mailto:fcc504@fcc.gov) or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice), (202) 418-0432 (TTY).

For further information, contact Carmell Weathers, (202) 418-2325 (voice), [carmell.weathers@fcc.gov](mailto:carmell.weathers@fcc.gov), or John Adams, (202) 418-0394 (voice), [john.adams@fcc.gov](mailto:john.adams@fcc.gov), of the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau. The TTY number is (202) 418-0484. For further information on procedures regarding section 214 please visit [http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/cpd/other\\_adjud](http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/cpd/other_adjud).

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